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Mrs. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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APPEAL

Appellant: Steve Futrell, Consultant for the Applicant (CRN: 16070846)
Applicant: Southwestern Community School District 9
BEN: 136394
Form 471 #: 526020
FRN #: 1460583, 1460891, 1461194, 1462444, 1465532

Re: **Request for Review**

Administrator Denial for Invoice Deadline Extension Request dated 06/05 and Earlier
CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

We are requesting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) review of a decision of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) denying invoice deadline extension requests and subsequent appeals for FRNs 1460583, 1460891, 1461039, 1461194 and 1462444 in letters dated June 05, 2013 and earlier, having the following explanation:

Current deadline guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted. Invoice Deadline extension requests should be filed by the end of the relevant invoice receipt period for the service category of the FRN requiring an extension (120 days after the end of the service deliver date). You did not demonstrate in your appeal that you filed an extension request in a timely manner. Therefore, your appeal is denied.

In our original request and subsequent appeal we explained to USAC that District several leadership changes beyond the District's control which affected administrator workload and job assignments resulting in the District's inadvertent failure to file timely Service Provider Election Letter(s) and/or BEAR form(s). Current District leadership only recently discovered these anomalies.

This waiver is justified in the best interest of the District and the public.

Granting of this deadline extension request waiver does not promote waste, fraud or abuse.

There is precedence in waiving procedural guidelines and deadlines for reasons beyond the District's control.

Southwestern CSD 9 serves 1649 students, 40% of whom receive free or reduced lunch. As with most Illinois school districts, Southwestern CSD 9 has incurred budget and service cuts in the face of declining education dollars.

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We respectfully submit this appeal and request approval of the invoice deadline extension request(s) to allow the District to realize the intended benefits of the E-Rate Program and recover funds committed it that it has already paid for eligible services, emphasizing again that the District has not committed any waste, fraud or abuse.

Respectfully,

Steve Futrell, M.Ed.

On behalf of the Southwestern Community School District 9